

Memorandum

To: Transportation and Environment Committee, State of Connecticut General Assembly,
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From: Town of Greenwich Energy Management Advisory Committee
Date: 3/10/2022
Subject: Passage of S.B. No. 4 and H.B. No. 5039

Please accept our written testimony in support of passage of:
S.B. No. 4 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN AIR ACT
H.B. No. 5039 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDIUM AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE
EMISSION STANDARDS

Background: In 2021, the Town of Greenwich Board of Selectmen established an [Energy Management Advisory Committee \(EMAC\)](#). EMAC's purpose is to advise the Selectmen on ways to improve energy efficiency and expand the use of renewable energy technologies and electric vehicles, to save more and pollute less. Our committee is actively exploring the addition of electric vehicles (EVs) to Town fleets, including those of the school system. One concern of our residents is the effect of idling, especially by local commercial trucks, on our local air quality. Within the Town's fleet, many medium and heavy-duty trucks must constantly idle for hours at a time while stationary to support emergency lighting in hazard situations. Zero emission standards for medium and heavy-duty vehicles will provide an important impetus to manufacturers to offer zero emission vehicle alternatives to customers like Greenwich. Passage of H.B.5039 and S.B. 4 will be important measures in support of our efforts.

In addition to poor air quality, CT residents, including Greenwich residents, are already feeling the pain of our changing climate, resulting from excessive GHG emissions from the burning of fossil fuels like gasoline and diesel. Help us build a clean, affordable, and resilient future with the passage of these important pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Energy Management Advisory Committee
Town of Greenwich